GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2515
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KANNADA PROGRAMMES BY AIR
KOLUR BASAVANAGOUD

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a): the details of Kannada programmes being aired every day by AIR, Bangalore, through its Vividh Bharati;

(b): whether any new programmes have been introduced from November 1, 2002 on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava;

(c): if so, the details thereof;

(d): whether the Government propose to increase the Kannada airtime; and

(e): if so, the steps taken/ likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): Prasar Bharati has informed that AIR, Bangalore through Vividh Bharati, broadcasts anumber of programmes daily in Kannada, in different formats. Details of these programmes are as following:-

(i) Arpana, (ii) Chetna, (iii) Nandana, (iv) Kamana Billu, (v) Mishra Madhurva,(vi) Geethapushpa, (vii) Inchara, (viii) Rasagange, (ix) Brindavana and (x) Nadaninada.

(b) & (c) : Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that w.e.f 1st November, 2002 AIR, Bangalorehas started a variety programme titled `Kamana Billu` consisting of film songs, Bhagvatgitha,devotional songs, drama, feature, interviews and information programme, from 10.05 a.m. to 12.00 noon daily.

(d) & (e) : No, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that there is no such proposal, at present.